

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Marc J. Stepkowski et al

Serial No.: 10/699,611

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: STYLET, APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR INSERTING A  
CATHETER INTO THE DURA  
OF A PATIENT BY  
STRETCHING THE  
CATHETER

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Christopher  
Koharski

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to a first Office Action mailed November 14, 2006, carrying a shortened statutory period of response, having been extended, which is currently set to expire on March 14, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.